

stopped because people in this world want peace, and they want life as they choose to live in peace.

Tragedy also comes too often in the course of our lives here in America in our hectic life. I am here to talk about one such tragedy that occurred in California.

BRIAN OHLEYER

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a young man named Brian Ohleyer, who was killed yesterday in a tragic automobile accident in northern California. Brian was in his twenties. He was a light in every life that he touched, in every community that he was a part of, in every school that he went to, and in every job he had. And he brought light to my life. He was my friend.

Brian's future was as bright as you could imagine—a wife, Elle, whom he adored; a career that he loved; a mom and dad, brother and sister, nephews and nieces whom he treasured, which made up the happiest and warmest of families. Brian was blessed, and he blessed everyone that he touched.

And then came yesterday, a truck crashing into all his dreams and the dreams of everyone who loved him. The news was like a stab in the heart. News like this strikes too many Americans. And when it happens, we have to reach out to one another. In the days ahead, we will reach out to this family.

I talked to Michael Luckhoff, the general manager of KGO Radio in San Francisco, Brian's employer. He said Brian was a shining star, a wonderful, polite young man—a superstar, he said. He said he was the future, a gem among gems, liked by everyone, a pacesetter, a breath of fresh air.

I am here to say that when we lose someone like this, all we can do is pray that this tragedy does not happen to anyone we love. All we can do is remember the best and brightest memories. And what I am going to do, because this young man was a model of what a young person should be, full of life and expectation, playing by the rules, just the best, I am going to name my internship program after Brian, and all the interns that come in my office will learn about him and they will be Brian Ohleyer interns. Maybe in that small way I can do my part in keeping his spirit alive.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. FEINGOLD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin is recognized.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I thank the Chair.

I am moved by the remarks of the junior Senator from California. Let me follow with just a few remarks about recent events in the Middle East.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Mr. FEINGOLD. On September 13, 1993, the world watched with hope and fear when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader

Yasser Arafat signed the Declaration of Principles on the White House lawn and began a new era in the Middle East. As much as we hoped there would be an end to terrorism, bloodshed, and occupation, I think just about everyone knew the road to peace would not be that simple.

We had reason to cheer though because now the battle lines would be drawn differently. Rather than Arab versus Jew, the peace process created a new alliance, moderate versus extremism, where Israelis, Palestinians, and others were joined to pursue a peaceful and prosperous Middle East.

While there were some very tenuous periods during 1994—continued terrorist attacks, such as the disastrous bombing in the center of Tel Aviv, and the bomb attack in Beit Leid where over 20 soldiers were killed, the massacre of 28 Palestinians in Hebron by an extremist Israeli named Baruch Goldstein—nonetheless, Mr. President, the peace process was progressing. By late 1995, in fact, it seemed relations between Arafat and Rabin were warming.

Israelis themselves, Mr. President, were becoming more confident that this was the path to take. On November 4, 1995, 150,000 Israeli supporters attended a Tel Aviv peace rally to demonstrate their depth of commitment to the peace process.

Then, of course, as we all sadly know, extremism struck again. This time a Jewish radical gunned down Prime Minister Rabin in an effort, of course, to kill the peace process.

I think it is important to note that this, too, was a terrorist attack, an attack in the vein of a new Middle East where extremism and violence of any stripe lashes out against any sign of peace and tolerance.

Of course, with the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, the world lost one of its great leaders and great men. He possessed so many attributes that made him an extraordinary figure. As a soldier, he helped build Israel, and as Prime Minister, he paved the way for a peace that can only come from Israel's strengths. With this, he earned the trust and confidence of Israelis who knew that Rabin would not take risks for peace that outweighed the dangers of continued war.

He recognized the day had passed when one people in the Middle East can really think seriously about dominating another people; when most Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, and others saw that they must co-exist if there is to be any security or prosperity in the region.

Rabin put his full weight behind the peace process as the only way to protect Israel's security. His achievements were illustrated again, sadly, during the funeral, an event that in itself helped solidify the process the assassin had tried to stop. The huge United States delegation, which I was fortunate to be part of, testified to the depth of support that the United States

has and will offer Israel. The fact that President Mubarak and King Hussein not only set foot in Jerusalem but also eulogized Prime Minister Rabin at his funeral spoke to the commitment for peace with a strong Israel. The more than 40 heads of State and representatives from over 80 countries who were there also signaled international investment in the peace process as well as the tremendous personal tribute to Rabin that it represented.

I think Prime Minister Peres has been equally determined in this quest. He has continued implementation of the Oslo II Agreement, expanded relations with Jordan, pursued preliminary peace talks with Syria and he has also cemented ties with other countries.

We had hoped that the extremists in the Middle East would have been weakened. But as their ranks have been withering, their hatred was intensifying. Israel, with some cooperation from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, has continued its war against terrorism, and it is widely assumed that that led to the January assassination of the engineer, the so-called engineer, Yahya Ayash, the Hamas technician who masterminded the bus explosions in Israel.

Mr. President, in the last 9 days, we all know we have seen 4 devastating bombs, all delivered by fanatics on a suicide mission, explode during commuter rush hours in urban centers in Israel, murdering at least 59 people and injuring many more. The horrific images we see on television cannot even compare with the terror any Israeli must now feel when they get on a bus to go to work, pick up their shopping, send their kids to school. This is a real source of insecurity and pandemonium in Israel now.

What makes this problem so challenging is how does Israel stop a suicide bomber? There are young Hamas supporters who are willing to blow themselves up as long as they can take a few Israelis with them. At first they said the attacks were in retaliation for the killing of the engineer. Now it is because of Israel's announced war on Hamas. It is really a war against any kind of Western or modern presence in the Middle East and against the peace process. Prime Minister Peres has responded forcefully and decisively. He has pledged that Israel will take all measures necessary to fight the war against terrorism. Last night, they arrested a man from Ramallah who they believe orchestrated three of the last four attacks. A strict closure, a drastic effort to fully separate Israelis and Palestinians, will be in effect, I expect, until the election at the end of May.

I am also very proud of President Clinton's efforts and commitments to crack down on the supporters of terrorists. I feel confident the United States will continue to support Israel, be it through strict enforcement of the ban on contributions to Hamas or through more intelligence sharing with Israel to avert would-be attacks, or whatever. But the next steps are really with the